

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 9, 10 and 13-19 were rejected and claims 8, 11, 12 and 20 were objected to in the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004. In response, the Applicant filed a Response to First Office Action which included amendments to claims 1, 14 and 20 and added new claims 21-24. On February 18, 2005 a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and indicated that the Amendments to the Claims section included improper status identifiers.

As indicated in the M.P.E.P. § 714.03, "Applicant's reply to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment should consist of a corrected version of only that portion of the amendment which previously failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121. It is not necessary for applicant to resubmit the entire amendment document." Applicant resubmits herewith, the section entitled "Amendments to the Claims" with corrections to the status identifiers, e.g., "Currently amended" on claims 1, 14 and 20; "Original" on claims 2-13 and 15-19; and "New" on claims 21-24.

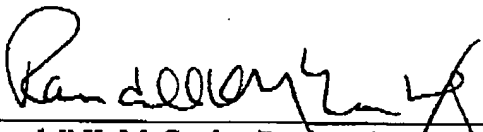
These amendments are believed to be proper, do not introduce new matter, and serve to place the application in proper condition for continued examination.

Conclusion

This is a complete response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 18, 2005. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments, reconsider the application and allow all of the pending claims. The Examiner

is invited to contact the below signed attorney should any questions arise concerning this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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